

HR 4103

Meat and Poultry Special Investigator Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3870	Related bill	Jul 11, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 436.
117 HR 7606	Related bill	Jun 21, 2022: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
117 S 2036	Related bill	Jun 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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This bill establishes within the Department of Agriculture's Packers and Stockyards Division the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters.

Specifically, the office must use all available tools (e.g., subpoenas) to investigate and prosecute violations of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. Further, the bill grants the office the authority to bring any civil or administrative action authorized by that act.

Additionally, the office must

- serve as a liaison to the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission with respect to competition and trade practices in the food and agricultural sector,
- consult with the Department of Homeland Security on national security and critical infrastructure security in the food and agricultural sector, and
- maintain a staff of attorneys and other professionals with appropriate expertise.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 28, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.